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**Art Unit 1646**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/918,589; Filed: July 30, 2001  
For: **Fluorescence Polarization Assays for Screening Binding of Ligands of Steroid Hormone Receptors (as amended)**  
Inventors: HALBLEIB *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.7200001/RWE/CMB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number Pleading;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover One (1) Month Extension of Time fee; and
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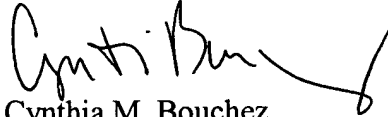
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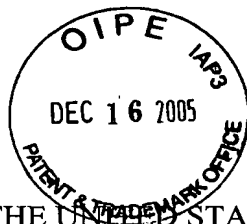
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Applicants respectfully request that the attorney docket number for the above-captioned application be changed from "Pan Vera.017.01" to -- **0942.7200001** --. Kindly use this attorney docket number in any future correspondence addressed to the undersigned.

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